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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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TO : CHED REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE
PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

SUBJECT: **SULONG PILIPINAS 2021: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE NEW NORMAL E-
CONFERENCE**

DATE : June 1, 2021

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) hereby informs all interested parties of the invitation of the Department of Finance (DOF) with the first-ever *Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Climate Change and the New Normal* e-conference with the Youth Sector on June 15, 2021, via Zoom.

This e-conference seeks to provide an opportunity for the youth sector to participate in government policy crafting by formulating top actionable recommendations to the government on how the Philippines can recover from the ill effects of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic through green initiatives and how we can strengthen the resilience of our economy. Moreover, the event intends to educate the public on the economic impacts of climate change and explain the scientific projections in terms of changing weather patterns.


This year's *Sulong Pilipinas* segments also aim to identify possible private sector initiatives to counter climate change while gathering broad-based support from international partners for funding the Philippine government's climate change efforts.

All HEIs are enjoined to participate in the said activity.

Detailed information on this activity is found on the attached **concept note with the program** and the **invitation card with the registration link**.

For questions and clarifications, please contact Jamie Angeli A. Gutierrez through email at jgutierrez@dof.gov.ph or mobile number at 0917-328-9261.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Climate Change and the New Normal

RSVP: tiny.cc/SulongCC

via **zoom** June 15, 2021 (Tuesday) | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Register on or before June 14, 2021 (Monday) 5:00 pm. Confirmation with the zoom link: no later than June, 14, 2021 (Monday) at 10:00 pm.

How can the Philippines move the agenda of climate change forward? How will the economy thrive given the effects of the pandemic and the changing weather scenarios?

Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Climate Change and the New Normal with the Youth Sector seeks to provide an opportunity for the youth sector to share their actionable recommendations with each other and the government on how the Philippines can recover from the ill effects of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic and how we can strengthen the resilience of our economy.



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SULONG PILIPINAS

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE NEW NORMAL WITH THE YOUTH SECTOR

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Sulong Pilipinas is the annual consultative conference between the Duterte administration and various citizen groups. Held annually since 2016, even before then-President-elect Duterte took office, *Sulong Pilipinas* has been one of the platforms of the government to consult Filipino citizens on socio-economic priorities.

Based on a 21st-century town hall concept, the *Sulong Pilipinas* consultative workshops enable constructive and lively discussions between the participants, which would bring out the sharpest and most tractable ideas. Instead of experts leading the conversations throughout, they only provide technical inputs upfront and then serve as resource persons as the participants discuss proposals among themselves.

A small technical team then summarizes and packages the information into the top actionable recommendations for the government, which are then presented to the President or his representative at the end of the workshop.

Top recommendations from past *Sulong Pilipinas* events that became actual initiatives of the Duterte administration include the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program, National ID Law, Ease of Doing Business Law, Universal Health Care Law, Build, Build, Build program, and the Economic Recovery Program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, the government will hold a *Sulong Pilipinas* consultative workshop focusing on the climate crisis. Specifically, the DOF wants to hear the thoughts and issues of the youth sector in terms of moving the agenda of climate change forward, and how we as an economy can thrive inspite of the pandemic and the changing weather scenarios, among others.

This conference also seeks to provide an opportunity for the youth sector to share their actionable recommendations with each other and the government, bringing lessons from their community and unique perspectives.

In facilitating this workshop, the government will invite notable speakers to give a presentation on the different topics and how the international community is currently working towards the issues of climate change, and how we can work together to transition into a more resilient economy.

Specifically, the consultative workshop aims to:

1. Educate the public on the economic impacts of climate change;
2. Explain the scientific projections in terms of changing weather patterns;
3. Build understanding of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) as a tool for climate action by the global community, identify problems that each sector faces in the context of climate change, and support the NDC implementation in the short-term, medium-term, and long-term (i.e., what kinds of capacity building are needed based on the problems identified);
4. Identify the private sector initiatives to counter climate change;
5. Gather broad-based support of the youth sector for the Philippine government's climate change efforts; and
6. Consult the youth sector on their comments and actionable recommendations for the government in terms of addressing these challenges and identifying opportunities for the country's green recovery.

Event Details

Title	Sulong Pilipinas 2021: Climate Change and the New Normal
Schedule	June 15, 2021 (Tuesday), 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation Mitigation-Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM DRR) agencies• Climate Change Commission• United States Agency for International Development (USAID)• Embassy focal points for climate change projects like the US, Australia, United Kingdom, etc.• Other multilateral partners (ADB, WB, UNFCCC, etc)
Target Participants/Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National universities and colleges• National youth organizations
Platform	Zoom virtual conferencing



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PROGRAM

June 15, 2021 via Zoom

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	Registration
8:55 AM - 9:00 AM	National anthem
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez <i>Department of Finance</i>
9:15 AM - 9:20 AM	Message Loren B. Legarda <i>Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives Representative, Lone District of Antique</i>
Session 1: Government presentations and initiatives to counter climate change	
9:20 AM - 9:30 AM	Climate finance in the context of the Philippines Paola Sherina A. Alvarez <i>Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance</i>
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Economic impacts of climate change Mercedita A. Sombilla <i>Undersecretary, National Economic and Development Authority</i>
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Scientific observations and projections Renato U. Solidum, Jr. <i>Undersecretary, DOST and Officer in Charge, PHIVOLCS</i>
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Environmental practices and programs Albert A. Magalang <i>Chief of Climate Change Service, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</i>
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Circular economy and anti-single use plastics campaign Rachel Anne S. Herrera <i>Commissioner, Climate Change Commission</i>
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Alternatives to plastics Rowena Cristina L. Guevara <i>Undersecretary, Department of Science and Technology</i>
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Energy security and investments in renewable energy Felix William B. Fuentesbella <i>Undersecretary, Department of Energy</i>

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Addressing climate change in the agriculture and fishery sector Rodolfo V. Vicerra <i>Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture</i>
10:40 AM - 10:50 AM	Transportation programs Maria Sheilah G. Napalang <i>Assistant Secretary, Department of Transportation</i>
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Sustainable tourism in the context of climate change Maria Rica C. Bueno <i>Assistant Secretary, Department of Tourism</i>
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	Mainstreaming climate action through youth programs Paul Anthony M. Pangilinan <i>Commissioner-at-Large, National Youth Commission</i>

Session 2: Private sector reactions and initiatives to counter climate change

11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	Ma. Antonia "Toni" Yulo Loyzaga <i>Chairperson of the International Advisory Board, Manila Observatory</i>
11:20 AM - 11:30 AM	Jonah De Lumen-Pernia <i>Director of Public Affairs, Communications and Sustainability, The Coca Cola Company- Philippines</i>
11:30 AM - 11:40 AM	Arlene Tan-Bantoto <i>Head of Corporate Affairs, Communications, and Sustainability, Nestle Philippines, Inc.</i>
11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	Augustus N. Adis <i>Chairman, Climate Change Committee - Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i>
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Love Gregorie Moral-Perez <i>Director, Xchange</i>
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Dennis I. Salvador <i>Executive Director, Philippine Eagle Foundation</i>
12:10 PM - 12:40 PM	Moderated Q&A session with all panelists
12:40 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch break
1:30 PM - 2:10 PM	Breakout groups and workshop proper Press conference with government panelists
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	Voting for top recommendations
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Audio visual presentations
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Presentation of top actionable recommendations
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Government response and closing message Paola Sherina A. Alvarez <i>Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance</i>